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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: DANIEL J. WOODRUFF ET AL.

APPLICATION NO.: 09/998,142

FILED: October 30, 2001

FOR: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
PROCESSING THE SURFACE OF A
MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECE

EXAMINER: K. MAYEKAR

ART UNIT: 1753

CONFIRMATION No: 5405

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed October 7, 2004, the Examiner allowed claims 43-63. Although the applicants' attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

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